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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Further to Applicants' Response, filed July 27, 2001, to the Official Action dated July 3, 2001, requiring restriction under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372, Applicants submit herewith the certified translations of the Japanese priority documents in the instant case. In a telephone conversation on July 13, 2001, the Examiner informed the undersigned that the restriction requirement would be withdrawn upon the submission of a certified translation of the Japanese priority application (JP 11075898). Accordingly, in view of the submission of the certified translations, withdrawal of the restriction requirement, and further and favorable consideration of all the claims of record on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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